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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO: 92-3

DATE: January 6, 1992

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors

SUBJECT: New Jersey Care Cases Becoming Ineligible as a Result of Social Security Benefit Increase

This is to advise of a special continuation of eligibility for aged, blind and disabled individuals currently eligible for New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs who would otherwise lose eligibility for Medicaid as a result of the January 1, 1992 cost-of-living adjustment to Title II benefits. The continuation of eligibility for these cases will alleviate the problems of cases becoming temporarily ineligible for the period between the Social Security cost-of-living increase and the issuance of the new federal poverty guidelines.

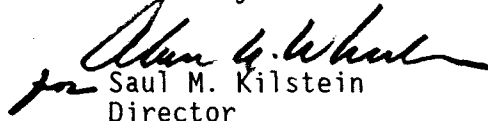
The CWAs are directed to continue New Jersey Care eligibility for any aged, blind, and disabled New Jersey Care recipient who would otherwise lose eligibility solely as a result of the January 1 increase in Social Security benefits. This special continuation of eligibility shall terminate when the Division provides the CWAs with the new income standards based on the federal poverty guidelines for this year. Those figures are expected to be available in late February or March.

Any such case that would become ineligible for reasons other than the Social Security cost-of-living adjustment, shall be terminated in accordance with existing practice.

CWAs must maintain a log of all cases that are continued as a result of this communication. This log must be reviewed upon the promulgation of the new income standards and on-going income eligibility determined for each case.

Questions regarding this communication should be referred to the field staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely


Saul M. Kilstein
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cc: Marion Reitz, Director
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To eliminate any further problems with QMB inquiries, I am requesting that staff at the county welfare agency who answer the telephone or who participate in pre-screening applicants be reminded that individuals inquiring about Qualified Medicare Beneficiary coverage should be referred to the New Jersey Care unit for information and that, in New Jersey, persons eligible for QMB coverage are entitled to full Medicaid coverage through the New Jersey Care program, as well as payment of the Medicare Part A (self payor) and B premiums.

I thank you for your cooperation. Please refer any questions to the field staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely,


for Saul M. Kilstein
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